**TOWN OF NICHOLS**

**REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

**JULY 14, 2020**

Councilperson Barbara Crannell brought the meeting to order at 7:00pm in the Nichols Town Hall, located at 54 East River Rd. Nichols NY.

Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call:

Councilperson Ray Thetga Sr. (present), Councilperson Bill Middleton (present), Councilperson Ester Woods (absent), Councilperson Barbara Crannell (present), Supervisor Kevin Engelbert (absent), Tiffany Middendorf Deputy Town Clerk.

Also Present: Highway Superintendent Will Heveland, Rose Cole, Justice Sandra Lute, Paul Card, Brandon Sickler, Steven Harmatuk, Ed Fredenburg.

**MINUTES**

The motion to accept the minutes from the June 9th, 2020 meeting was made by B. Middleton, 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.

Roll Vote:

R. Thetga Sr. (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (absent), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (absent)

**QUESTIONS, COMMENTS & CRITICISMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Paul Card stated that Decker Hill is in terrible shape from potholes and wonders if anything can be done to the road?

Superintendent Heveland said that he is working his way over to Decker Hill and will work his way there.

Councilperson Middleton assured Mr. Card that the road problems will be addressed but it does take time.

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Justice Sandra Lute would like to appoint Elizabeth Hatton as Deputy Court Clerk for coverage in the court in case an illness or emergency arises.

B. Middleton made the motion to appoint Elizabeth Hatton as Deputy Court Clerk, 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.

Roll Vote:

R. Thetga Sr. (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (absent), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (absent)

* Tioga Tells – Barb Crannell

Barb met with Catherine Faruolo from Tioga Tells Lead last month to discuss the strengths and challenges of the community. Ms. Faruolo and Tioga Tells are assessing quality of life of the elderly and disabled and looking ways to improve their life.

Summary is on file at the clerk’s office if anyone would like to view it.

**OTHER NEW BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

* There is not a lot of Town business to attend to during the COVID-19 virus so B. Crannell

Would like to cancel the July 29th, 2020 board meeting.

The motion to cancel the July 29th, 2020 Board meeting was made by B. Middleton, 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.

* Councilperson Middleton and Ray Thetga Jr. are working together to get estimates to move the court to the old Nichols Elementary Building. B. Middleton hopes to have some estimates for the next Board meeting in August.
* B. Middleton would like to have all future Board meetings at The Old Nichols Elementary School so safe social distancing can be practiced along with more room for the public.

B. Middleton made the motion to hold all future Town Board meetings at The Old Nichols Elementary School, 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.

Roll Vote:

R. Thetga Sr. (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (absent), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (absent)

**UPDATE FROM TOWN DEPTS./PERSONNEL**

* Will Heveland – Highway Superintendent

Superintendent Heveland stated that the Highway Department has paved 2.7 miles of roads this past month. They have put a header wall on Smith Creek Rd and Ketchum Rd. Will stated that Ketchum Hill still needs guard rails. Work has also been done to replace a pipe on Decker Hill Rd.

Superintendent Heveland also mentioned that a wash out by Depot by Crown Seal and Cork and wondered if The Board could ride out and take a look with him. Councilperson Middleton stated he would ride out there with Will this week.

**OLD BUSINESS**

* NY Rising/Hazard Mitigation Plan/COG/REAP B. Crannell

No new information due to the COVID-19 virus.

**OTHER OLD BUSINESS FROM BOARD MEMBERS**

**MOTION TO ACCEPT REPORTS & PAY BILLS**

The motion to accept reports and pay bills was made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.

Roll Vote:

R. Thetga Sr. (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (absent), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (absent)

**ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS, COMMENTS, & CRITICISMS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Steven Harmatuk from Decker Hill Rd stated that people are driving into his front yard

to avoid the pot holes on the road.

Superintendent Heveland said he is working his way over to Decker Hill and will work on it as soon as he can.

**MOORE HILL RD SEALED BIDS**

The Town of Nichols took bids for removal and hauling of a gravel bar with dumping within a half mile of the site.

Councilperson Crannell opened and announced the bids as follows:

Marcus Cole Construction $7,740.00

BSM General Contracting $12,000.00

ECP Group Inc. $9,998.00

ZMK Construction $12,320.00

Broome Bituminous Products, Inc. $24,700.00

Daniel J. Lynch, Inc. $18,400.00

Councilperson Thetga Sr. made the motion to award the Moore Hill Bid to Marcus Cole Construction for the bid amount of $7,740.00 2nd by B. Middleton.

Roll Vote:

R. Thetga Sr. (aye), B. Middleton (aye), E. Woods (absent), B. Crannell (aye), K. Engelbert (absent)

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

The Board went into executive session at 7:55pm.

Adjourned session at 8:08pm.

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

The motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:08pm was made by B. Middleton 2nd by R. Thetga Sr.

Tiffany Middendorf

Deputy Town Clerk

07/15/2020